

as a Sunday School teacher. Also, he was a member of Ducks Unlimited, Vernon County Bar Association and the Missouri Bar Association. Judge Kelso was a charter member of the Nevada Jaycees, served on the steering committee for the Nevada Centennial Celebration and was a leader in the Boy Scouts. He dedicated himself to conservation and was voted Farmer-Sportsman of the Year in 1966.

Mr. Speaker, Judge H.A. Kelso will be missed by all who knew him. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family, his wife Doradee and his three daughters, Maridee Kelso Devore, Constance Kelso Beaver and Sylvia Kelso Tucker.

#### LACK OF FUNDING FOR THE AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an emerging health problem. People living with HIV/AIDS are not able to afford the cost of the medications that improve their health and extend their lives. People who have traditionally been able to rely on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) under Title II of the Ryan White Care Act are not able to get the help that they need because we continue to underfund the program.

In my home state and many others, the number of clients served by ADAP is on the rise. If enrollment continues to increase at the current rate in New York, we will soon need to implement waiting lists as 11 other states have already been forced to do.

In the 2004 fiscal year, New York has a federal shortfall in ADAP funding in the tens of millions of dollars. New York bears about 20% of the national HIV/AIDS epidemic impact, as it has for over two decades. Yet this number extends far beyond just money; it equates to people, specifically, 3,137 people in New York who are HIV positive, with gross incomes of less than \$44,000 a year, who cannot afford their AIDS drugs, which can cost as much as \$1,000.00 a month, or more. These 3,137 people are obviously in need of ADAP, but are not receiving assistance. According to the federal poverty statistics, these people are impoverished, but they remain unserved by New York's ADAP.

Today we have more people living with HIV/AIDS as opposed to dying from HIV/AIDS than ever before. AIDS-related deaths have declined drastically since 1996, which can be attributed to the success of HIV/AIDS treatment regimens and ADAP. We can't continue to allow Americans to die of HIV/AIDS when we know how to save their lives.

Yet, as I stand here today, we are allowing Americans to die who cannot afford their treatment regimens because we are not fully funding the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. We cannot allow Americans to die on waiting lists as they have in Kentucky and West Virginia.

ADAP helps people like Annie Ball of New Hampshire, a former nurse who had become too sick to work due to her HIV status. Yet, because of a successful treatment regimen she was able to return to work. Annie relies on ADAP to afford the expensive prescriptions

that have allowed her to become a productive member of society again. Yet, if the ADAP program is threatened, Annie will, in her words, "devastate me, my family and my loved ones, and my community, as I will not be able to work and contribute my talents."

President Bush just allocated an additional \$20 million to help in the relief of the ADAP crisis, however we need a total of \$122 million just to clear all of the waiting lists for ADAP and preserve existing drug access in line with federal standards of HIV care. We need to increase funding above that level to deal with expected demand for new enrollment, and for existing patients in the coming 24 months. The true need for ADAP in Fiscal Year 2005 is \$217 million; the committee fell far short of that mark in the bill we are considering today. I urge that the conference report on this bill fully fund the program so that no American who qualifies for ADAP will suffer needlessly.

#### HONORING DANIEL R. PORTER

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor a great man who has dedicated his life to his country as a Citizen Soldier of the United States Army Reserve. After 10 years of service, Daniel Porter received the Meritorious Service Medal as a Master Sergeant in the United States Army Reserve. This medal was presented for service offered from June of 1986 until June of 1996 as Daniel dedicated his free time to serving our Nation and the great state of Nevada as a military reservist.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I stand today to honor this man. It is men and women such as Daniel Porter that continue to help our country remain safe and protected from the increasing dangers we see every day. I would hope that my colleagues would stand with me in honoring Daniel Porter, and the many other military reservists that protect our freedom and combat terror.

#### REGI PHELPS: SAN DIEGO LABOR COMMUNITY AWARD WINNER

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, today I recognize Regi Phelps, as he is honored by the San Diego Labor Community with the 2004 Johns Fellowship Award at the Twenty-Second Annual John S. Lyons Memorial Banquet on September 11, 2004.

Regi was born and raised in San Diego, California, graduating from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics. He served in the United States Navy from 1970–1973 and completed overseas tours of duty in Vietnam and the Philippines.

His job with Bechtel began in 1976. He worked as a subcontracts administrator on the Hope Creek Nuclear Project in southern New Jersey. In 1978, he moved to Richmond, Virginia to work in labor relations for the Virginia

Electric Power Company at the North Anna Nuclear Facility. In 1979, he rejoined Bechtel in labor relations in the early days of construction at the San Onofre Nuclear Project.

Regi has served at Bechtel as Labor Relations Representative, Area Labor Representative, Senior Labor Relations Representative, Labor Relations Supervisor, and Regional Manager. In 2004, he was named Vice-President and Manager/Labor Relations, with overall labor relations responsibility for Bechtel Worldwide.

He has been involved in developing the San Onofre Nuclear Project Labor Agreement—including the recently-renegotiated agreement in effect through 2010—between Southern California Edison (the owner), the San Diego Building Trades, and Bechtel. This labor agreement and project provides employment for thousands of Building Trades Craftspeople.

Regi also serves as a Director to the North American Contractors Association, and as Management Trustee to the Laborers' National Safety and Health Fund. He previously served as Vice-Chairman of the Boilermakers' Health and Welfare fund and as Trustee to numerous local union apprenticeship trusts throughout the western United States.

Regi's grandfather was a proud member of Laborers' Local 89. His father, Ray, retired from Bechtel in 1985, is a current member of IBEW Local 569, and was recently awarded his 45-year membership pin. Regi and his wife, Christine, have been married for 28 years and are currently living in San Francisco Bay area. They have two children: Kevin, who is a junior at the University of Southern California, and Lauren, who is a sophomore at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania.

The banquet at which Regi will be presented his award is named in recognition of the late John Lyons of the Teamsters who was very active in the San Diego community. He was a founder of the San Diego Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America. The friends of Mr. Lyons continue to support his cause, and proceeds from the yearly banquets are used to support bone marrow testing and local research grants. Since its inception, the John Lyons Memorial Banquet has raised over one million dollars.

Regi deserves our highest praise for his dedication to the labor movement and specifically to labor relations. My congratulations go to Regi Phelps as he receives this prestigious Johns 2004 Fellowship Award from his peers.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OLYMPIAN PAUL HAMM

**HON. DEBORAH PRYCE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Paul Hamm for his historic 2004 Olympic gold medal in the individual All-Around exercise, for his silver medal on the high bar exercise, and for being a member of the silver medal-winning U.S. men's Olympic gymnastics team.

Paul showed to the entire world courage, fortitude, and the American spirit of determination in overcoming adversity during his all-around competition. After the fourth of six rotations, Paul was a distant 12th, but he did not